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FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES
January 25, 2005

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION BAR

FROM : Veleter M. B. Mazyck
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RE: Final GUIDELINES FOR THE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES IN IDEA MATTERS

Dear Counsel:

On November 29, 2004, D.C. Public Schools, Office of the General Counsel, issued *"Proposed Guidelines for the Payment of Attorney Fees in IDEA Matters,"* and invited members of the Bar to submit written comments on the proposed guidelines prior to them becoming final. A number of comments were received and reviewed by this office.

We appreciated, and gave full consideration to, the constructive feedback received, and used some of your comments and suggestions to modify the proposed guidelines prior to finalization. Enclosed are the final guidelines, which will become **effective February 1, 2005.** These guidelines and the referenced documents are also available on the DCPS website at www.k12.dc.us/dcps/offices/OGChome.

Enclosure

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